

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: Vincent Howell
David L. Romero
Barbara A. Casey
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Trujillo, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Corinna Laszlo-Henry, City Attorney
Juan Gonzales, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Casey thanked everyone for being there, for their input and ideas on the work forthcoming and asked for prayers so that the decisions made are reflected of what is best for the people.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Trujillo recommended removing Business Item #3, *Approval/Disapproval of WH Pacific task order for Mills Utility Building Phase I* from the agenda.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the minutes for June 14th, and June 21st, 2017 as amended. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Gurulé-Girón reported that Lodger’s Tax Board member Oliver Lesperance would be replaced by Lupe Trujillo and would bring back to the Governing Body for consensus.

MAYOR’S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked City Clerk Fresquez to present the recognition honoring Cathy Benavidez.

City Clerk Fresquez read the recognition on behalf of Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón and the Governing Body recognizing Cathy Benavidez for her outstanding achievement and the positive representation she has brought to the community.

PUBLIC INPUT

Star Chavez expressed her concerns of bringing in refugees to Las Vegas due to the City already not being able to meet the needs of their citizens and facing countless challenges this town is facing. Ms. Chavez urged the Governing Body to vote no regarding the refugee resolution.

Bruce McAllister expressed his concerns on bringing the City together and spoke of the importance of the ideas brought up at the most recent meeting regarding the new hospital. Mr. McAllister stated that the City's website needed updating and it should be addressed.

Trudy Lucero stated that she supported the statements made by Star Chavez. She expressed that there was a sex, alcohol and drugs epidemic that was affecting the community and there were no proper resources to offer our citizens. Ms. Lucero was opposed to the resettlement of refugees in our city.

Susie Tsyitee stated that it would be an honor and a privilege to welcome persecuted and endangered refugees, and thought this was truly an idealistic resolution although after hearing of the many issues and challenges our own community was facing, hoped that a consideration would be made to amend or table the refugee resolution and added that they would support communities that had the resources to help in the resettlement of refugees.

Christian Chatfield stated that he would be in support of the most vulnerable refugees only on the conditions of complete thorough vetting and background checks and added that this would not be an easy and quick process. Mr. Chatfield spoke of several concerns that would come with refugees trying to adjust to the way of living in the United States.

Rey Herrera spoke on concerns of refugees not having the best intentions in mind regarding the United States and added that his suggestion was to re-think this resolution and to vote no on the approval.

Chris Rivera stated that all Las Vegas had to offer was history and could not keep the future here which is the youth of the community and expressed his concerns on bringing in refugees to a community who could not support its own citizens. Mr. Rivera urged the Governing Body to vote against the approval of the refugee resolution.

Jennifer Rivera spoke of her concerns of not having the resources for our own community and was against the approval of the refugee resettlement resolution.

Phil Rivera briefly spoke of the difficulties of the adaptation of different cultures in our own society and felt that we would be facing many challenges in resettling refugees in our community. Mr. Rivera expressed the importance of our children's future and how the city needed to move forward and felt this resolution would not benefit our community and was against it.

Sally Flores Chairwoman of Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) informed and invited everyone to attend the 3rd Annual LEPC Expo (Meet & Greet) which would be held on August 12, 2017 at the Wal-Mart Parking Lot, the corner of Legion and 7th Street. Ms. Flores advised that first responders from City, State, County and Federal would be present and encouraged to assist in donating school supplies to fill back packs as part of a "Give-Back Program" to the children of the community.

Keith Tucker spoke on several issues regarding costs and funding for an additional hospital in Las Vegas. Mr. Tucker felt that there were many other economic needs that should be addressed before considering building a second hospital.

Wayne Sonchar spoke in reference to the several services offered by Alta Vista Regional Hospital and felt that he and his family had received quality patient care from them for many years. Mr. Sonchar stated that he believed in Alta Vista's mission in providing excellent healthcare to this community and that another facility was not a wise investment of tax payer dollars and asked the Governing Body to reject Resolution 17-28.

Dr. Searcy spoke on several concerns regarding opening up a second hospital and stated that opening this government agency to compete would be a waste of tax payer money. Dr. Searcy expressed that a taxpayer funded hospital would only bring inadequate medical care to the community.

Erlinda Chavez spoke on having experienced working in a refugee resettlement program in the past and stated that it brought on financial strain, difficulties of culture change by the refugees and spoke of how it would negatively impact the community's resources in order to meet their needs and felt resources should be

used for the people in our community and asked the Governing Body to vote no on the refugee resolution.

John Chavez stated that he did not support the refugee resettlement and was concerned of costs to meet the needs of refugees and added that the funding was not there. Mr. Chavez stated that we have our own problems in this city and didn't support the resolution.

Lawrence Quintana stated that he was employed at Alta Vista Regional Hospital and that he and his family have received excellent health care while at Alta Vista Regional Hospital. Mr. Quintana stated that he opposed resolution 17-28.

Larry Moon stated that he was impressed with the previous speakers regarding the refugee resolution and added that he had compassion for refugees although we had to be wise in making decisions in trying to help. Mr. Moon advised he was against Resolution 17-27.

Rick Blais Interim Manager of Alta Vista Hospital spoke of the many difficulties that come along with providing a successful high quality Rehab facility with the full support of Alta Vista Hospital. Mr. Blais advised he had no long-term financial interest in Alta Vista Hospital as he would be leaving within the next couple of weeks and thanked Alta Vista Hospital for their support and the service to the community.

Connie Trujillo, owner of Alumbra Women's Health/Maternity Care spoke on several negative affects faced by the closing of the maternity ward at Alta Vista Hospital and informed that the non-profit Alumbra Care was still intact in the process of continuing its mission to create a sustainable health care system that improves the health and lives of women in Northeastern New Mexico. Ms. Trujillo informed they are presently seeking grants and funding. Ms. Trujillo also spoke on several issues which included regarding the lack of Pediatrician recruitment and felt it was important for Alta Vista Regional and community leaders to be more transparent in decisions that would affect the community.

Rock Ulibarri spoke in support of the refugee resolution stating that this was a population-decline community and stated that it was not for us to decide who comes into the community.

Katie Withnall spoke on behalf of her mother Elizbeth Withnall, former midwife and Women's Health Practitioner for many years in Las Vegas along with Connie Trujillo founded Alumbra together. She went on to state that working conditions at Alta vista were unbearable and that Alta Vista wanted to own all providers in town and thought their intent was to drive Alumbra out of town and to limit their practice, this resulted in her having to leave town and asked to please build a county hospital and send "for profit" out of Las Vegas.

Miguel Angel stated that he believed healthcare was a human right and should be highly available for everyone and spoke of how corporate and the United States has made it difficult to achieve healthcare. Mr. Angel supported the notion to pursue a "not for profit" hospital and stated that he thought that a corporate medical structure in Las Vegas was incapable of resolving the conditions of healthcare in our community.

Louella Read, Quality Director at Alta Vista Hospital spoke of her career in the medical field as a nurse and how she had been able to serve with the continued encouragement and support from Alta Vista Hospital.

Anthony DeFalco stated that we as a community could not pretend there were not extremely different cultural differences when it came to resettling of refugees and that there would be difficulty in changing behavior in order to be "Americanized" and should not be invited to American culture. Mr. DeFalco added that there are other ways of being compassionate to refugees although was against the refugee resolution.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Trujillo advised that Chris Wolf Alta Vista Regional Hospital CEO would be reporting on Resolution 17-28.

Chris Wolf gave a detailed report on the many ways that Alta Vista Hospital had stayed true to its obligations and stated that they have invested millions of dollars, employed many and provided many health services to the community. Mr. Wolf informed that they had faced difficult decisions which included the closing of its OBGYN due to not being able to provide the level of quality services expected by the community and informed that OBGYN services would be

available in October which would include full-time pediatrics. Mr. Wolf reported on several other contributions to the community and collaborations with neighboring entities in helping the local economy. Mr. Wolf thanked Council, hospital staff and the community and asked for support in rejecting Resolution 17-28.

City Manager Trujillo advised that San Miguel County Rock Ulibarri would be reporting on Resolution 17-28.

Rock Ulibarri praised Alta Vista for all their efforts in providing services to the community and informed that the Resolution which was passed by the County was not to build another hospital but that it was an exploration of building a County hospital and felt there was a lot of confusion regarding this resolution. Mr. Ulibarri explained that he had met with Chris Wolf, Peter Campos and Councilor Howell as hospital board members to discuss the hospital resolution and added that Councilor Howell stated "I am Mayor Pro Tem and I am speaking on behalf of the City and we are against this". Mr. Ulibarri stated that this was the only reason this resolution was placed on the agenda and stated that the County did not need the City's permission or support to explore these possibilities and that it would be up to only the people to decide.

Councilor Howell explained that he never mentioned that Las Vegas was against building a hospital and he stated to Alta Vista's CEO and CFO that he was Mayor Pro Tem. Councilor Howell stated that "he cannot represent the City by himself and that Mr. Ulibarri should have come to him and verified and concurred, and that he did not say that".

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Fresquez read the consent agenda into the record as follows:

1. Approval to award RFB #2017-24 to Hay's Plumbing & Heating and enter into agreement.
2. Approval to award request for proposals #2017-27 to multiple proposers and enter into agreements.

3. Approval to award request for proposals #2017-29 to multiple proposers and enter into agreements.

4. Approval to award request for proposals #2017-30 to multiple proposers and enter into agreements.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read into the record. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution No. 17-27 in support of Refugee Resettlement.

Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón advised that the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico Governing Body declares its support for the resettlement of refugees in New Mexico and calls upon other communities in the state to join them in supporting a stronger national effort to resettle the most vulnerable refugees.

Councilor Howell advised that he planned to vote yes on this item until listening to the concerns of the community and felt different because of those issues of not having the resources and believed we needed to take care of the community first. Councilor Howell added that Federal funding was not a guarantee and wished that Mr. and Mrs. Pearson had been present to rebut the concerns and to explain why they felt resettlement of refugees should take place here.

Councilor Howell made a motion to disapprove Resolution No. 17-27. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
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Vincent Howell

Yes

David L. Romero

No

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

2. Approve/Disapprove of Resolution No. 17-28.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas does hereby resolve that it fully supports the efforts of the San Miguel County Commission to explore the possibility of constructing and operating a hospital in the San Miguel County area.

Councilor Howell asked to make a disclosure and advised he had no financial interest or receives compensation and is only a board member.

Mayor Gurulé- Girón advised that Councilor Howell was able to vote after disclosing that he had no financial interest in Alta Vista Regional Hospital.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17-28.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked if there was a second on the motion, there was not a second motion, therefore motion died.

Councilor Casey made the motion to disapprove Resolution No. 17-28. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero

Yes

Barbara A. Casey

Yes

Vincent Howell

Yes

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

3. Approval/Disapproval of WH Pacific task order for Mills Utility Building Phase 1.
- Removed from the Agenda.

4. Approval/Disapproval to award request for proposals #2017-28 to multiple proposers and enter into agreements.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that the City of Las Vegas Utilities Department went out for sealed proposals for Natural Gas distribution system planning design and construction phase engineering services. We are requesting to award to two of the four proposers; Molzen Corbin and Bohannon Huston and enter into agreements.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked if bidders were apprised of the loss of their bid bond when withdrawing from the bid.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that bidders should be aware although would look into what the detriment would be to that particular business and would also look into what the City would get in return.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve RFP No. 2017-28. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

5. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution No. 17-20.

Public Works Director Veronica Gentry advised that as part of the cooperative agreement submittal criteria for the New Mexico Department of Transportation Cooperative Agreement (COOP), it is required that a Resolution of Support from the Local Governing Body assuring matching funding availability accompany cooperative agreement. In complying with this criteria, staff is requesting that this Resolution be approved for the Plan Design, Construction, Reconstruction, Pavement Rehabilitation, Drainage Improvements and Miscellaneous Construction to various entity streets along Keen Street from Grant Street to West National Avenue, for (COOP) program agreement submittal 2017/2018. Budgetary provisions will be made in the Public Works budget during the 2017/2018 fiscal year.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. thanked the Public Works Department for plans of improvement on that side of town.

Councilor Casey also thanked Public Works Department for the needed repairs in that area and asked if they could look at Santa Fe Street off of Hot Springs Boulevard (One-Way Street), due to it being in dire need of repair.

Public Works Director Gentry advised it would be looked into.

Councilor Romero advised that Keen Street had been needing repairs for many years and hoped it could soon be addressed.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised the City was working diligently on funding in order to move forward with many needs in the community and advised that Lopez and Salazar Streets were in dire need of repair as well. Mayor Gurulé-Girón also asked City Manager Trujillo to look into CDBG grants and funding and stated that she believed that there might have been a re-appropriation clause that might have been submitted by the previous administration to open those dollars to the community which were designated strictly to the most impoverished areas.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17-20. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Resolution 17-20 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NM
RESOLUTION NO. 17-20

A Resolution Supporting the New Mexico Department of Transportation Municipal Cooperative Agreement/COOP-SP-4-18(907) for the Plan Design, Construction Management, Construction, Reconstruction, Pavement Rehabilitation, Drainage Improvements and Miscellaneous Construction to Various Entity Streets along Keen Street from Grant Street to West National Avenue.

WHEREAS; the estimated cost of the above described project is forty four thousand eight hundred fifteen dollars (\$44,815.00).

WHEREAS; the City of Las Vegas' governing body has declared improvements to said streets a necessity for the good and well being of the citizens of Las Vegas, New Mexico and support cooperative agreement for these funds to accomplish the work; and

WHEREAS; the City of Las Vegas will agree to work in accordance with the funding requirements of the Municipal Cooperative Agreement/COOP-SP-4-18(907) provided it be successful in receiving the funding necessary for these improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the local governing body of City of Las Vegas that the Cooperative Agreement for the above funding be submitted to the New Mexico Department of Transportation, Municipal Cooperative Agreement/COOP-SP-4-18(907).

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF JULY, 2017.

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

6. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution No. 17-19.

Utilities Director Gentry advised that as part of the MAP Agreement criteria for the New Mexico Department of Transportation Municipal Arterial Program, it is required that a Resolution of Support from the Local Governing body assuring matching funding availability accompany program agreement. In complying with this criteria, staff is requesting that this Resolution be approved for the Planning, Design, Construction, Reconstruction, Pavement Rehabilitation, Drainage and Miscellaneous Improvements – Mountain View Drive, for (MAP) Program Agreement submittal 2017/2018. Budgetary provisions will be made in the Public Works budget during the 2017/2018 fiscal cycle.

Councilor Howell thanked Public Works Director Gentry and asked what area would be repaired.

Public Works Director Gentry informed that it was the area from Grand Avenue to Highway 518 on 7th Street.

Short discussion took place regarding cracks on Grand Avenue.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17-19. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Resolution 17-19 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NM
RESOLUTION NO. 17-19

A Resolution Supporting the New Mexico Department of Transportation Municipal Arterial Program MAP-7647(911) for Planning, Design, Construction, Reconstruction, Pavement Rehabilitation, Drainage and Misc. Improvements-Mountain View Drive, 7th Street to Grand Avenue.

WHEREAS; the estimated cost of the above described project is two hundred seventy four thousand, seven hundred and eleven dollars (\$274,711.00)

WHEREAS; the City of Las Vegas' governing body has declared improvements to said streets a necessity for the good and well being of the citizens of Las Vegas, New Mexico and support Municipal Arterial Program Agreement for these funds to accomplish the work; and

WHEREAS; the City of Las Vegas will agree to work in accordance with the funding requirements of the Municipal Arterial Funding Program MAP-7647(911), provided it be successful in receiving the funding necessary for these improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the local governing body of City of Las Vegas that the Municipal Arterial Program Cooperative Agreement for the above funding be submitted to the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF JULY, 2017.

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

7. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution No. 17-25.

Public Works Director Gentry advised that the City of Las Vegas has a limited tax base, which limits the funding for meeting the proportional matching share; and, a fund exists in the NMDOT appropriate by New Mexico State Legislature for public Entities in need of "Hardship" match money and the City of Las Vegas requests participation in this Match Waiver Program in the amount of \$68,678.00.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17-25. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. and Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Resolution 17-25 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NM
RESOLUTION NO. 17-25

PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD FUND PROGRAM AND REQUEST
FOR MATCH WAIVER ADMINISTERED BY NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS; the City of Las Vegas and the New Mexico Department of Transportation have entered into a Municipal Arterial Program Agreement.

WHEREAS; the total cost of the project will be \$274,711.00 to be in proportional share by the parties hereto as follows:

- a. New Mexico Department of Transportation's share shall be 75% or \$206,033.00.
- b. City of Las Vegas' proportional matching share shall be 25% or \$68,678.00 if a "Hardship" for "Match Waiver" is not deemed to be present by Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Transportation.

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$274,711.00

The City of Las Vegas shall pay all costs, which exceed the total amount of \$206,033.00.

WHEREAS; the City of Las Vegas has a limited tax base, which limits the funding for meeting the proportional matching share; and, a fund exists in the NMDOT appropriate by New Mexico

State Legislature for Public Entities in need of “Hardship” match money and the City of Las Vegas requests participation in this Match Waiver Program in the amount of \$68,678.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Las Vegas determines, resolved and orders as follows:

That the project for this Municipal Arterial Program Agreement is adopted and has a priority standing.

The agreement terminated on June 30, 2019 and the City of Las Vegas incorporates all the all the agreements, covenants and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such covenants, agreements and understandings have been merged into the written agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Las Vegas to enter into Municipal Arterial Program Agreement Project Number MAP-7647(911), Control Number L400321, with the New Mexico Department of Transportation’s drainage improvements and miscellaneous construction to various entity streets within the control of the City of Las Vegas, San Miguel County, New Mexico.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF JULY, 2017.

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

COUNCILOR’S REPORTS

Councilor Casey advised that a constituent had requested that City Manager Trujillo, City Attorney Laszlo-Henry and she visit the area of Garfield Street.

Councilor Casey stated that there were complaints regarding semi-trucks going by on 7th Street causing Victorian homes of losing bricks and also the use of Jake-Brakes being used and asked City Clerk Fresquez for the Resolution in order so the brakes are no longer used on Grand Avenue and suggested placing signs.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that she raised these questions to Public Works Director Gentry to look into the issue of the use of Jake Brakes.

Public Works Director Gentry informed that they were also in communication with New Mexico Department of Transportation regarding Jake Brakes.

Councilor Howell had concerns regarding the City's website and not being able to obtain information as Bruce McAllister had mentioned earlier.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that Public Information Officer Lee Einer would address those issues regarding the City's website.

City Manager Trujillo advised that the problems with the website might be a result of presently going through a transition of service.

Councilor Howell was concerned about not having the information about the transition of the City's website.

City Manager Trujillo advised that I.T. Manager Kenny Roybal would give a presentation to Council and that the reason for not notifying was due to being on a time constraint in order to purchase the system at a lower cost.

Councilor Howell stated that personnel needed to be trained on the new system in order to avoid problems as experienced in the past. Councilor Howell advised that John Street needed pothole repairs.

Public Works Director Gentry informed that repairs were on the schedule for the next day on John Street.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised City Manager Trujillo to fully apprise Council and herself of updates that are occurring in order to respond to the public.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. had concerns regarding the public not stopping at stop signs on Salazar and Grant Streets and stated that the problem of children finding needles in our parks needed to be addressed by the Police Department.

City Manager Trujillo informed that he had received a letter from Deputy Chief Jenkins informing that they would increase police patrol at the parks and that Public Works Department sweep parks every morning and are looking into a place to possibly dispense needles with the help of the Police Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Manager Trujillo advised there was a need for Executive Session in order to discuss pending litigation.

Councilor Casey made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters subject to the attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the City of Las Vegas is or may become a participant, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978.

Councilor Casey made the motion to reconvene into Regular Session and advised that only discussion took place, no decisions were made and that no action was taken. Councilor Howell and Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

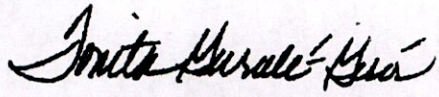
City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

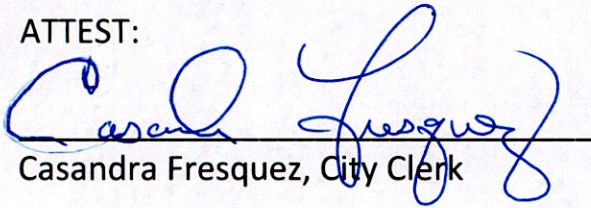
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk